

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Dorothy A. Harbeck, Esq. Graham, Curtin & Sheridan 50 West State Street Suite 1008 Trenton, NJ 08608

Re:

New Jersey Republican State Committee and

H. George Buckwald, Treasurer, MUR 4719

Dear Ms. Harbeck:

This letter is in response to your request for an extension of time for the New Jersey Republican State Committee to make its final transfer of funds from its federal account to its nonfederal account as mandated in the Conciliation Agreement. According to the terms of the Conciliation Agreement, the total \$432,000 was to have been transferred by December 31, 1999. At this time, the New Jersey Republican State Committee has transferred all but \$37,500. Please be advised that, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(5)(D), violation of any provision of the Conciliation Agreement may result in the institution of a civil suit for relief in the United States District Court. After reviewing the Committee's bank records and the circumstances of your request, the Office of General Counsel has determined that it will not recommend that the Commission file suit if your client makes the transfer of the remaining funds within 45 days of the original deadline. Accordingly, the transfers must be completed by close of business on February 14, 2000.

Sincerely,

Susan Lebeaux

Assistant General Counsel